

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 800 without my signature.

This bill is unnecessary and could result in the unintended consequences of additional roadway hazards. It requires motorists driving on a freeway to slow down or move over one lane of traffic upon the approach of stopped emergency vehicles or tow trucks.

Current law already requires motorists to slow to a speed that is safe for driving conditions. Furthermore, law enforcement experts caution that the requirement to shift lanes could cause additional emergency conditions for the driver changing lanes as well as other motorists on the road. Specifically, the California Highway Patrol is concerned that this bill's mandate could create chaotic and dangerous situations at crime and collision scenes on the state's freeways.

For these reasons I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger